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**TRAGEDY AT MACAO.**  
German Sailor Assassinated.  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)

MACAO, December 14.  
At 4 a.m. yesterday two bluejackets from the German gunboat Tingtau were conveyed on board, one with a deep gash in the chest from a dagger thrust and the other with an ugly wound from a revolver. The latter succumbed within 24 hours and the former is in a most precarious condition. The events leading to the tragedy are clouded in mystery and conjecture has given rise to a variety of versions the most likely among which seems to be the following. The unfortunate men in company with two comrades had whiled away the evening at a billiard saloon adjoining the Chinese Theatre and at 11 p.m. were requested to quit the premises as it was closing time. They forthwith settled their scores and quietly left the place. On their way to the jetty they were accosted by a party of strangers with the insolent demand: "You must pay!" Failing to see wherein lay their indebtedness they naturally demurred when the spokesman drew a dagger and plunged it into the breast of the nearest bluejacket while his colleague fired on the next man. In the twinkling of an eye the assailants had decamped and the two bluejackets who had come off unscathed seeing that the state of their comrades had a prior claim on their immediate attention called at once for every possible assistance. Cryptic though the foregoing details be as regards some plausible ground for such a crime, it is the only rendering among the many that are rife which we may entertain in expectation of unlooked for disclosures.

"H.E. the Governor has issued the strictest injunctions to leave no stone unturned to trace the assassins, the surviving bluejackets affirm that they are able to identify the men, we trust the dastards will be spotted ere long. The aggressors are not Chinese. The funeral of the ill-fated victim takes place at 10 a.m. tomorrow, and a special order from H.E. the Governor accords the remains full military honours.

MACAO, Dec. 15.  
The victim of the tragedy was buried at 4 p.m. o'clock this afternoon in the English cemetery over at Bella Vista. The funeral cortege, which left the military hospital close on 3.30 p.m. was headed by a double string of bluejackets from the Tingtau followed by their fellow mates from the Patria and contingents from the Police Force, the Artillery and Infantry Corps. Many were the floral tributes heaped on the coffin, which was drawn along on a gun carriage. At the graveside Capt. Lieut. Forth of the Tingtau read the burial service and the officers and crew intoned the responses; after which, following the lead of the first lieutenant, all the ship's complement flung by the grave each throwing in their handful of dust. At the conclusion of the rites three volleys were fired by a detachment from the Infantry corps under a Corporal.

Lieutenant Ribeiro of the Patria then approached the Captain of the Tingtau and feelingly expressed the deepest sympathy on behalf of the Portuguese Navy.

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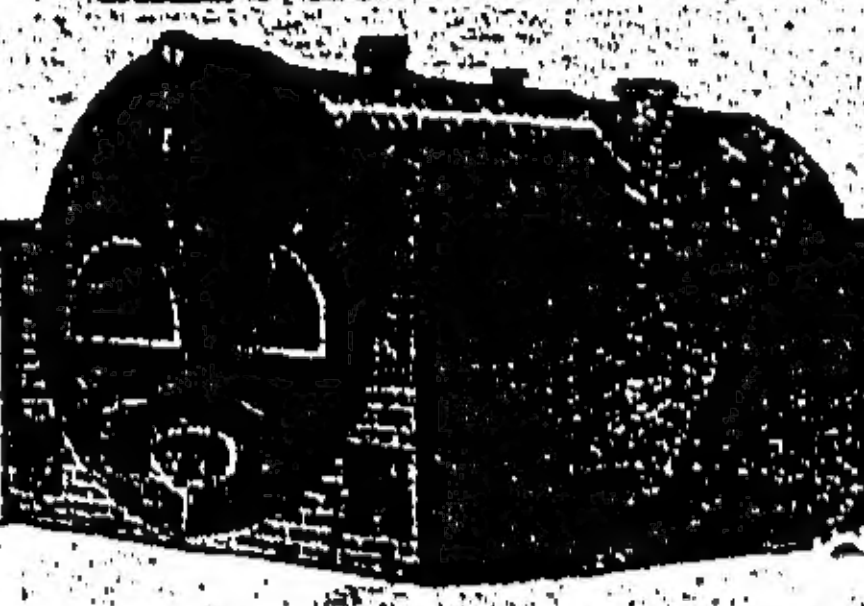
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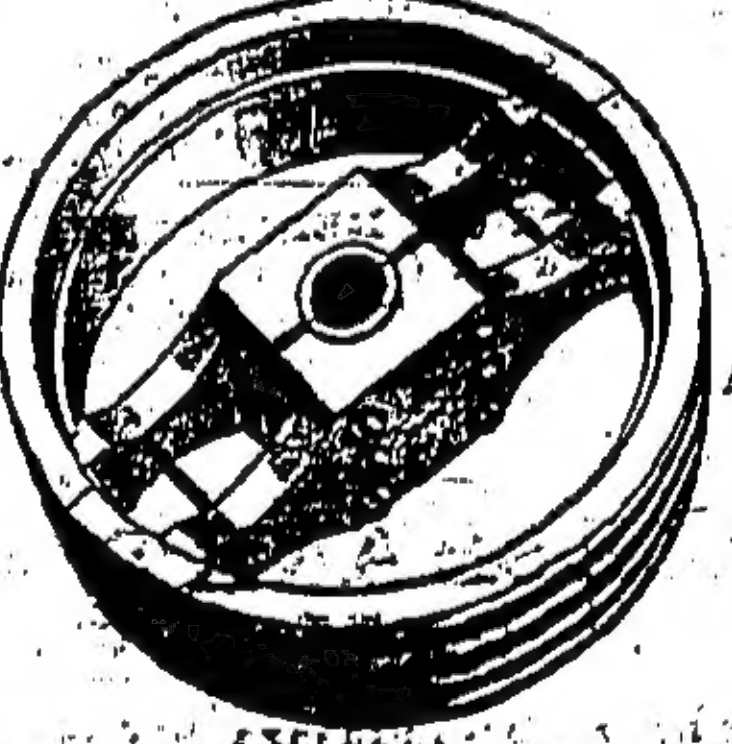
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## MEMOS FOR TOMORROW.

Miscellaneous

10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

## Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of two Billiard Tables  
with Accessories at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's  
Sales Rooms.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Curio  
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.

## General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, December 18.—

10 a.m.—Military Gun Practice.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Curio  
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.2.30 p.m.—Auction of 'Xmas Toys and  
Jewellery at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's  
Sales Rooms.

MONDAY, December 20.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Fancy Goods  
at Mr. Geo. P. Lammer's Sales  
Rooms.3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the  
Public Works Department's Office.

WEDNESDAY, December 22.—

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Catholic Union Bazaar.

4.30 p.m.—Distribution of prizes by H.E.  
the Governor at St. Joseph's English  
College.

6 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

THURSDAY, December 23.—

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

SATURDAY, December 25.—

Public Holiday.

MONDAY, December 27.—

Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, December 28.—

10 a.m.—Auction of Naval & Victualling  
Stores at H.M. Naval Establishments.

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## DISAPPOINTMENT.

The first year of the Prince Regent's government has closed with a sense of deep disappointment in the hearts of all friends of China. The bright hopes which were formed in the early days of his accession to power are fading fast in the face of one long succession of ignominious failures. The reactionaries are stronger than ever in the high places of Peking and so far from the empire passing from the control of politicians to the more virile hand of men of affairs it seems more nearly tied up in the coils of feminine intrigue than during the old regime. The late Empress Dowager, with all her faults, possessed a masculine mind which could effectually control or hold in check all the warring elements gathered within the spacious confines of the Forbidden City, and with her passing has come chaos. It is really a case of "after me the deluge." Intrigue after intrigue has been started, all with

the single object of plundering the state or providing snug berths for some favorite or other among the Princes and nobles, and the amiable and well-intentioned Prince Revent has bowed before the rapacious importunities of the most ignoble place and money hunters which Peking has seen within the memory of this generation. Himself a man of frugal, studious habit, disliking ostentation, honestly desirous of helping his country, he finds himself helpless to stem the tide of extravagance and chicanery which is now running riot in Peking principally through some lack of moral stamina in his mental make-up and also because he does not really know what methods should be adopted to meet the trying circumstances of the case.

Perhaps too high hopes were formed of the possibilities latent within the Prince Revent. After all, with the exception of the visit to Germany, where he went to convey China's hypocritical regrets for the murder of poor Baron von Ketteler and the other Boxer outrages, he has had no experience really fitting him for his lofty position and therefore we should perhaps be most lenient in our judgment. It is so easy, we know, to cast the stone. All that being admitted, however, we still think that the Prince Revent has disappointed in many particulars where most people least expected failure. He also seems to have entirely failed to grasp the significance of the many questions of foreign policy which are clamouring for solution; neither does he seem to comprehend the true significance of the feeling now stirring throughout the land and which has found emphatic expression in the debates of the newly constituted provincial assemblies. The hostility which they one and all have exhibited towards the policies enunciated by Peking is most significant, as is also the latent and scarcely expected power which they have developed. The principal subject of their debates, outside their own parochial concerns, has been the proposed new stamp tax and so vehement and unanimous has their opposition been that Peking has hastened to let them know that the project will be dropped: this in order to allay the spirit of insubordination which so suddenly sprang into active and very threatening existence. Perhaps *The Times* is right when it sees in the actions of the Provincial Assemblies the echoes of a coming storm. Certainly the elements of what may prove a disastrous conflagration seem scattered about all over China at present, and the unfortunate part is that there is no man in Peking or in the provinces of sufficient force of character who could be called upon in an emergency to face much less control a tempest. But Peking, wrapped up entirely in its own squabbles, intrigues and scheming contrivances fails to see the troubles which are slowly closing in upon the Empire on every side. It is supremely content with itself and with

the times: for does not the Prince Regent "following the precedent of ancient days, consult with the Emperor Dowager before performing any act of importance." So all must be well with China. Poor China! So much to do, so little done, is the melancholy record of the year just closed.

In the course of an interview in the *Jewish Chronicle*, Professor Raphael Meldola, F.R.S., of the City and Guilds of London Institute, states that the Germans profited more from his anti-dye discoveries than the English. "In scientific matters," he says, "the Germans are quicker to seize upon new ideas." Nevertheless, he is of opinion that English manufacturers are becoming alive to the assistance which the chemist can render them, and adds that there is a growing demand for chemists in various branches of industry. "Chemistry," he remarks, "is playing an ever more important role in industrial life, and has a finger in almost every industrial pie."

A GOOD HOUSEHOLD LINIMENT.  
When a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm is kept in the house the pains of burns and scalds may be promptly relieved, cuts and bruises quickly healed, swelling promptly reduced and rheumatism and neuralgia robbed of their terrors. In fact, for the household use, it is just such a liniment as every family should be provided with. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

YOU are not experimenting when you try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. You are getting a preparation that has an established reputation for good, backed by a chief of a century's constant use. It is famous for the prompt cure of coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

A Chinese named Hong Bow was arrested at Townsville, on November 7, on board the *Taiyuan* for having a tin of opium in his possession. He appeared at the police court in the afternoon, and was fined £5.

Sir E. T. H. Hutton, in addressing the Royal Colonial Institute recently, said that the compulsory system of military training proposed by the Australian Government solved the problem of defence, and was an example, not only to the sister nations, but to the motherland.

Following the example of Hamburg and other towns of Germany, Berlin municipality is discussing the adoption, towards increasing its revenues, of a tax on the unearned increment of land values. The tax will be progressive, according to the total increment, but modified according to the period during which the increment has accrued.

A Durban telegram, sent by Reuter's correspondent, says that there had been an explosion at two mining houses at Kynoch's explosives works at Umbogintwini. Two Europeans and three natives were killed and one European and five natives were seriously injured. The mining houses were destroyed.

Commander Peary's friends state that the explorer has determined to attempt to reach the South Pole some time before 1914, and that the Peary Club in New York will find the money for the expedition. No date is set for the inception of the venture, but the Commander's friends state that the expedition is certain to be made within the next four years.

Mr. J. A. Pense, Patronage Secretary to the Treasury and Chief Liberal Whip, in a letter, recommends Liberals, as far as possible, to respect the seats held by Labour members, and he urges the Labour Representation Committee to respect Liberal seats. If an aggressive attitude is persisted in by Labour, he continues, the latter will be the more likely to be the losers.

On the arrival of the Eastern at Melbourne on November 7, detective Christie arrested a young woman named May Silver on a charge of being concerned in the importation of 54 tins of opium. Silver informed the detective that she joined the boat at Sydney, and was bringing the opium merely to oblige some one in Melbourne.

The medal which is to be issued by the French Government to the army which took part in the Moroccan campaign will bear on one side the profile of Mlle. Fernande Dubois, the actress of the Opera Comique. On the reverse of the medal there will appear a view of Casablanca, surrounded by appropriate military emblems, and underneath the word *Morocco*. About 50,000 medals will be struck.

The *Citizen of Ottawa*, a Conservative newspaper, writes that the statement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Prime Minister, that the Canadian navy is not to participate in a war waged by Great Britain unless the Parliament of Canada sees fit, comes near to a declaration of independence. If Canadian warships declined to fight the situation would be unique in the history of any nation.

Details of a remarkable operation have been laid before the Berlin Medical Society. Dr. Katzenstein produced a patient who had suffered from paralysis of one shoulder as the result of an accident, the muscles having been disabled. The doctor had extracted corresponding muscles from the lower part of the back, and transferred them to the shoulder. The experiment was perfectly successful, and the man can now use his arm and work as before.

Lord Lucas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, addressing the Colonial Liberal Club, described the efforts being made to secure a homogeneous Imperial army. Thirty Imperial officers were now serving in Australia, Canada, and New Zealand, Lord Lucas said, and twelve of the officers of the Dominions were serving in Great Britain. It was possible that a Canadian battalion would be present at the next British manoeuvres. The military forces of the Empire now numbered almost 1,250,000 men.

The St. Andrew's dance at Bangkok was a most enjoyable affair judging by the reports in the local press. On the grass lawn in front of the club a maze had been constructed which was lavishly ornamented with Chinese lanterns and other material. Those who penetrated to the centre found erected there a huge pole of ice, surrounded by snow, to represent the Arctic region. Standing on the top of the North Pole was the figure of a Highlander in kilt holding in his hand the Scottish national flag, while figures representing Pook and Peary seemed to be engaged in a struggle up to their necks in the snow at the foot, with the American flag displayed over the strife. The pole was visited by most of the guests, who seemed to relish what was recognized as the local joke of the year.

THE more people would make an attempt to get rid of the colds from which they are suffering, as a result of this changeable weather, there would be a decided decrease in the number of cases of pneumonia. As few cases of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will cure your cold, and all danger of its passing on to pneumonia, and resulting in pneumonia may be avoided. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

A number of Hongkongites returned to the Colony yesterday. Among them, we notice the names of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. P. Piddie, Mrs. Hodgins, Mr. Alex. Rodger, Misses E. and N. Rodger, Mrs. Nicholson and child, Mr. E. J. Gist, Mrs. Ough, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes, and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson.

Dr. George Adam Smith, who has been appointed to succeed the late Dr. Marshall Lang as Principal of Aberdeen University, is a writer who has made his mark in theological literature. His "Historical Geography of the Holy Land" has gone through numerous editions, while his sympathetic life of Henry Drummond, which likewise has been many times reprinted, showed him to be a master of the biographer's art.

Sir Horace Tozer, who is retiring from the Agent-Generalship for Queensland in London, has held that high office for the unusually prolonged period of eleven years. He is a solicitor by profession, and practised for some years at Gympie, one of the most important of the Queensland goldfields. He entered the Queensland Parliament at twenty-eight, and was once continuously in office for eight years. He was Home Secretary during the great strike of sheep-shearers, and his action in calling out the military for its suppression was much discussed at the time.

Students of politics who remember the House of Commons from 1885 to 1895 will read with interest that Mr. C. A. V. Copehous proposes to stand again for a seat in the House of Commons at the next General Election. During the period named, when he sat for the Camborne division of Cornwall, there were few more conspicuous figures on the Radical benches below the Gangway. Mr. Copehous was ever a fighter, and if his vigorous, not to say truculent, methods did not make him universally beloved, no one gained his enthusiasm and sincerity. Mr. Copehous now contemplates standing for the Horn-castle division of Lincolnshire.

## "HAD NOT RECOVERED."

Frank Downes, master of the s.s. *Jutepolis* summoned Hans Kristensen, for unlawfully disobeying the lawful commands of the master and mate, before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court, this morning. Complaint was said that defendant refused to do his work and said he was going ashore. Shortly afterwards defendant asked for a day's leave and some money, otherwise he would not turn to. Defendant said he did not care if he was prosecuted and said he had been in goal before and was quite willing to go again. Defendant had just been discharged from hospital.

Defendant said he was not fit for work, not having entirely recovered from the sore he had. He had been drinking the previous night and not got over it. Defendant was fined two days' pay and four weeks imprisonment with hard labour or until the ship sails.

## THE LIQUOR DUTIES.

Naval and Military Rebates.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon the Hon. Colonial Secretary moved the following resolution under the provisions of Section 2 of the Liquors Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, 1909:—  
"Resolved that the sum of \$2,189 as an import allowance up to and including the 31st December, 1909, be paid out of the public revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the naval authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being naval stores) the property of His Majesty) consumed at the Royal Naval Cantonment."

Further resolved that the sum of \$10,268 as an import allowance up to and including the 31st December, 1909, be paid out of the public revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the naval authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being naval stores) the property of His Majesty) consumed at the Royal Naval Cantonment."

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## TRADE MARKS IN KOREA.

AN ANGLO-GERMAN AGREEMENT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

London, December 15.

It is announced in Berlin that an Anglo-German Convention has been concluded for the mutual protection of trade marks in Korea, the Consulate being empowered to prosecute their own nationals for the unauthorized use of trade marks.

## RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

GOOD RELATIONS PREVAILING.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

London, December 15.

An official statement published at St. Petersburg denies the rumours circulated in the Press that another war with Japan is inevitable. The statement declares that the relations of the two countries are of the friendliest character, and says this is corroborated by recent agreements.

## THE METRIC SYSTEM.

CHINA'S INTENDED ADOPTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

London, December 15.

A message from Paris states that the Chinese Minister attended at the office of the International Board of Weights and Measures to take formal possession of the metric standard in connection with the introduction of the metric system into China.

## KING LEOPOLD'S CONDITION.

LESS ASSURING REPORT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

London, December 15.

A Brussels message states that owing to an old intestinal complaint the operation on King Leopold was not so successful as it was hoped it would be. It appears that His Majesty's condition has become worse.

## THE BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

SUGGESTED ENGLISH PARTICIPATION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail).

London, December 15.

Sir Ernest Cassel, the well-known banker, has gone to Berlin. It is believed that he is negotiating for English participation in the Baghdad Railway.

## HEAVY SENTENCES.

Of late there has been a good deal of petty thieving at the Naval Yard, and yesterday two of the coolies employed there were caught with stolen property concealed on their persons. One of them had 15 lbs of rubber, of the value of \$18.50, while the other was trying to get away with 22 lbs of copper, valued at \$11.60.

Both men were brought before Mr. E. R. Hallifax at the Magistrate's this morning, and were severely dealt with; the sentences in each case being one month's hard labour, with six hours' stocks at the expiration thereof, as well as banishment from the Colony.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha send us their wall calendar for 1910. It is of most elaborate design.

## WRECK OF THE KING GEORGE.

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## STRANGE ARREST ON THE ENGLISH MAIL.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

SINGAPORE, December 15.

An American travelling under the name of Dunbar, but believed to be the Mr. Faulkner wanted by the Peking Legation, has been arrested on the P. & O. mail steamer *Himalaya* and charged with embezzlement.

## A CONTRITE EMBASSY.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail).

Tokyo, December 16.

The Korean Government has decided to send thirteen commissioners to Japan to apologize for the assassination of Prince Ito.

## SYMPATHY FROM JAPAN.

("Independent News Agency's" Service to the China Mail).

Tokyo, December 16.

The Emperor of Japan, upon hearing of the serious illness of the King of the Belgians, wired his deep anxiety to the Belgian Court.

## ILLNESS OF TANG SHAO-YI.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service).

Peking, December 15.

Tang Shao-yi is suffering from lung disease. He continues to vomit blood despite the treatment of Chinese and European physicians.

## WORTHY OF IMITATION.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service).

Peking, December 15.

Chan Kwai Loung, the newly appointed Viceroy of Chihli, reported personally to the Prince Regent upon the uprightness of the late Chang Chih-tung's administration and he was admonished to imitate it in his Government of Chihli.

## RUSSIAN DESIGNS FRUSTRATED.

(Wah Tei Yat Po's Service).

Peking, December 15.

Russia intended extending her influence at Harbin but has been checked by the other Powers.

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## To-day's Advertisements

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS requiring PRIVATE STAND and STABLE ACCOMMODATION in the Jockey Club Compound are requested to apply to the Undersecretary.

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course,  
Hongkong Jockey Club  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1564

## NOTICE.

A GRAND BAZAAR OF TOYS will be held in the premises of the Commercial Union, on SUNDAY, the 19th inst., from 4 to 8 p.m., in aid of the Chinese Benevolent Association for the Poor.

Each ticket will entitle the holder to a Xmas Present, if presented at the Souvenir Stall on the evening of the 19th.

The Band of the 15th Rajputa will be in attendance.

Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1555

## EXCURSIONS TO MACAO.

THE Steamship ON LEE will be despatched every SUNDAY at 9 a.m. from the King On Wharf, near the Western Market, returning from MACAO at 5 p.m. the same day.

## FARES:

1st-Class Saloon (Single fare).....\$1.20  
Saloon ..... 80  
Second-Class ..... 50  
Children under 12 years Half-price.

THE SZE YIP S.S. CO., LTD.,  
29, Connaught Road West,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1556

## FINEST OREGON APPLES

30 cents  
per lb.

## H. RUTTONJEE &amp; SON,

6, D'Almeida Street, Hongkong, and at Kowloon.

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

## THE Steamship JAPAN.

Captain J. G. O'NEILL, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents,  
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Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to Rangoon, Madras and Mauritius.

## THE Steamship CATHERINE APAR.

Captain G. F. HUTTON, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1557

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

## FROM PORTLAND AND JAPAN PORTS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship HENRIK ISEN.

The above mentioned steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for examination, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo impounding the discharge of the vessel will be discharged at once, at Consignees risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after SATURDAY, December 18th, 1909, at 5 p.m., will be landed and stored at Consignees risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All cargo undelivered on WEDNESDAY, December 22nd, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

All chafed and otherwise damaged cargo will be examined at the above Company's godown on MONDAY, December 20th, 1909, at 10 a.m.

S. SILVERSTONE,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1562

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co's Steamship Matsuyama Maru, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are hereby landed and placed at their risk in the Howa Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignee will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, Tuesday.

Goods not cleared before the 22nd December will be subject to rent.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignee and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

S. SILVERSTONE,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1561

## To-day's Advertisements

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 22nd and 23rd December, 1909, at 10 a.m. at H. M. NAVAL ESTABLISHMENT—

## SUNDRY OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL &amp; VICTUALLING STORES.

Comprising—  
Old and Surplus Naval Stores:—  
Fire Engine, Hoses, Lamps and Lanterns, Switches, Hydraulic Pump, Coal Sacks, Canvas Bags, Old India-Rubber, Old Leather, Carpets, Mattings, Old Boats, Furniture, &c., &c.

## Old and Surplus Victualling Stores.

Provisions, Seamen's Clothing, Blankets, Officers' Mess Traps (A quantity of Electro-plated Articles and Table Linen), Implements, Seamen's Mess Utensils, Oak Staves, &c., &c.

## Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE:—As Customary.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Government Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1559

## SEANG LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR AMOY, SWATOW, SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

## THE Steamship SROPSHIRE

(Chinese "SEANG BEE")

Captain LARKIN, is expected to arrive here from Rangoon and Straits on 25th inst. She will be despatched for the above ports the day after her arrival.

For Freight and Passage, please apply to

SEANG TAI HONG & CO.,  
Managing Agents,  
27, Des Voeux Road West,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1556

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM PORTLAND & JAPAN PORTS.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO from Portland

to Hongkong per s.s. Seija are hereby notified that part of such cargo has been forwarded to Hongkong per s.s. Herkules then arrived December 15th, 1909, and owing to the s.s. Seija having run on a rock in the Inland-Sea of Japan, Consignees are hereby notified that before Bills of Lading can be considered an Average Adjusted bill will have to be signed and a deposit of 10% of the value of the cargo lodged with the Underwriters. Consignees are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading promptly for countersignatures and take delivery of cargo from the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.'s Wharf at Kowloon. All cargo not delivered by Dec. 22nd, 1909, will be subject to rent.

S. SILVERSTONE,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1563

## IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship BUELOW,

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon and West Point Godowns, where delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the 22nd of December will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 22nd of December, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 26th of December, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriters.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELLEBOERS & CO.,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, December 16, 1909. 1560

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